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## ***TRIFOLIUM ERIOCEPHALUM SSP ARCUATUM*** **WOOLLY-HEAD CLOVER**

Woolly-head Clover is a perennial with erect stems that are 20-60 cm tall and arising from a thick taproot and a branched rootcrown. The leaves have three leaflets that are 2-7 cm long and elliptic to oblong with sharply toothed margins. The base of each leaf petiole is enlarged to form two stipules that are 2-5 cm long. Foliage is sparsely to densely long-hairy. 25-80 flowers are borne in globose clusters at the ends of the main stem or on side branches. The pinkish to red flowers are nodding and 12-17 mm long. The calyx has five long teeth at the mouth and is covered with long, feather-like hairs. The fruit is a small pod with 4 seeds. Flowering in May-June.

Distinguished from other perennial species of *TRIFOLIUM* occurring at lower elevations by the combination of having an erect, leafy habit, lacking a leafy involucre below the inflorescence, and by its long feathery hairs on the calyx teeth. A hand lens and technical key are needed for positive identification.